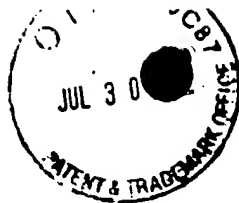


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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HAJIME YAMAMOTO, et al.

Application No.: 09/132,746

Filed: August 12, 1998

For: FIBROUS MATERIAL,
PRODUCTION PROCESS OF THE
FIBROUS MATERIAL, INK-
ABSORBING MEMBER,
TREATING PROCESS OF THE
INK-ABSORBING MEMBER, INK
TANK CONTAINER AND INK
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to July 12, 2002 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write the claims to read as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced

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